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301 North Hamilton
Madison, Wisconsin

Attention: Mr. Straus

Dear Mr. Straus:

I am following up my telephone call of this afternoon concerning some subber stamps for a precision problem. I am enclosing two sketches which show the type of gridwork I am interested in. If you can quote me on one rubber stamp each to match the basic diagram I would be very happy to have these.

A further refinement that would be very helpful but may be difficult to accomplish would be a scheme for identifying each box as it is seen under a microscope. I am afraid I said 1/4 inch over the telephone when I meant 1/8 inch, and this does seem to pose a problem of getting an identifiable mark in the box without obscuring most of its area. I should have mentioned that we have to put any marks to the sides of the square so that we have a clear field of view for most of the area in each square. There certainly does not seem to be enough space for a recognizable letter or number but I wondered if it might be remotely possible to put in a coding scheme that involved putting in some breaks in the edge of the box or some dots or some tick marks as I have indicated in my sketch item A. Your suggestions on this would be welcomed. In any event whether or not we can get the internal location scheme I would be happy to find out if we can secure a stamp which will just cover the gridwork. I would be anxious to have the lines as fine as possible and am willing to take my chances on their always coming through perfectly on the stamping. The stamp would be done on glass and I would appreciate any suggestion you might have on the best type of ink for this purpose.

Yours sincerely,

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